T. R. TELLS SAVANTS OF CUBIST PATRIOTS

Colonel Addresses 700 Members and Guests of National Academy.

DECRIES POOR IMITATORS

"A Nation Not Proud to Fight for Just Cause Always Ignoble."

It was not the politician Roosevelt but the scholar Roosevelt that amused, instructed and altogether charmed 700 members and guests of the American Academy and the National Institute of Arts and Letters at the Hitz-Carlton yesprday. Judging from the vigorous nodding of Prof. Gustaye Lanson of the University of Paris, to whom the Colonel often turned for corroboration of his. critical culogy of French achievement and patriotism. Mr. Roosevelt would not and it hard to join the faculty of M.

ism in Literature and Art." Rarely did
he say anything reminding his hearers
of his activities before November 7.
He did express his distaste for the
"cubist school in patriotism," and said
that a nation not proud and willing to
fight for a just cause "will always be
grable." But mainly his address was
a decrying of imitation and a pies for
originality and national flavor.

"American work," he said, "must

the generations that come after us as,
perhaps, the greatest imaginative
colorist since Turner,"
"The easiest of all things is to copy,"
Mr. Roosevelt said later. "Ordinary
writers do not write about what they
themselves see, for they see very little.
They merely repeat what has already
been written in books about what someposty else has seen. You remember
Oliver Wendell Holmer's statement that
it took over a century to banish the

"Bade's 'Study of the Old Testament,'
very much the ablest and most remarkable Biblical study produced anywhere
in any country in recent years; Owen
Wister's 'Pentecost of Calamity,' which
every American should read, and Gus-

Prof. Lanson, a guest of honor, was introduced as "a master of criticism." His topic was "The Function of Foreign Influences in the Development of French Literature." He spoke in French. He said that the civilizing virtue of French disrature was due to the fact that the French never rejected any form of truth and beauty as foreign to their race. The company saluted Col. Roosevelt by rising when Prof. Sloane introduced him as "a man of letters in public life." The Colonel Instantly captivated Prof. Lanson by remarking: "There are not

Lanson by remarking: "There are not a few of us who admired William James without clearly understanding him un-til M. Emile Boutroux translated him for

"There is only one thing worse than stolid refusal to accept what is great and beautiful from outside," Mr. Roosevelt continued, "and that is servilely to copy it. M. Lanson must permit me to say that even the greatest authors do not shine at their best when they are nearest stands at their best when they are nearest to copying a foreign masterpiece. The great good that is done by the reception and assimilation of a foreign culture is in the effect on the mind of the person assimilating it, so that he can use it in doing productive work in accordance with the genius of his own country.

can't forbear saying, in the pres-of M. Lanson, a word as to the debt all owe France for the French exsmple, especially at this moment. As smple, especially at this moment. As one of our own beloved Americans, John Burroughs, who is here present with us to-day, has said, 'Strength comes before beauty and valor before grace.' If France had only been a literary and artistic country we should not now have the feeling that we have as we rise to. the feeling that we have as we rise to our feet when French herolam is men-

How France Helps Humanity.

There is another example for us in ance. Our guest has correctly said at the Frenchman is not bound by at ideas; if he is national he is cono be a Frenchman and nothing And yet it would be well for us when we grow a little melancholy to the time taken by the melting pot turn out a purely American product, remember that, vast though this coun-y is, the racial differences are not one greater in our country than in the

All this was applicated. There were th handelapping and laughter when the Colonel, remarking that France has telped humanity by remaining French,

the is no more hopeless creature. The standpoint of humanity, than dividual who calls himself a costan, who spreads himself out over hole world, with the result that he

the whole world, with the result that he spreads himself so thin that he comes through in large spots."

By deva for to one's own country humanity was hest helped, he went on, saying "I prize the friendship of the man who cares for his family more than he cares for me. If he doesn't care for his family any more than he cares for me i know he cares for me very little. which says more than he cares for the wares for me very little. Is hooves us in the United States to be content with repeating on a scale the history of commercial dism of the great Phenician comments. This means that here in the first state of our own we shall a warted national life. Most certife worth developing unless they life worth developing unless they E and great in other ways, unles an expression for that valor of

If a nation is not proudly willing and able to fight for a just cause, for the lives of its citizens, for the nonor of its flak even for the rescue of some oppressed foreign nationality, then such a flation will always be in ignoble nation, and the whether or not it achieve the sorthly prospectivy of those who are mere y successful hucksters, or whether it kills its virility by an exclusive appreciation of grace, ease and beauty. "Strength, courage and justice must come first. When the beauty loving, beauty producing Grack grew courage and lost his hold upon the greek acts of the

and government his proficiency in arts of, a different kind did not avail him against the Roman."

America, he continued, was steadily evolving a new national type, which could add to the sum of world achievement only by developing as own forms of national expression.

of national expression.

"We need have scant patience with artificial development in nationalism or anything else," he said. "I care little for the cubist school in patriotism [long applause] any more than I care for it in art or in poetry. The effort to be original by being fantastic is always cheap. Second rate work is second rate work even if it is done badly."

This digression made the roomful of writers and artists and their friends chuckle and clap their hands.

Joet Barlow and His Epic,

"Good Joel Barlow fourt we had new nation and no epic. He figured to himself that Homer had self-consciously himself that Homer had self-consciously written the epic of Greece and he knew about Milton. So he sat down and wrote an epic of America couched in the same spirit that made us put Washington, naked to the waist and with a toga around him, in front of the Capitol. It was the same spirit, if our guest will pardon me, which made some of the sculptore put Louis XIV. in a Homan corselet. Poor Joel Barlow wrote this Columbiad. I have one of the copies of the original edition, and I wouldn't have it out of my library for any considera-In another field.

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Lanson's institution if he sought honors imaginative genius Marcus Simons, who was utterly neglected in life, isn't known in death, but will assuredly be known to lit death, but will assuredly be known to lit death, but will assuredly be known to lite come after us as. ism in Literature and Art." Rarely did the generations that come after us a

a decrying of imitation and a plea for originality and national flavor.

"American work," he said, "must it took over a century to banish the smack of our own soil, mental and moral no less than spiritual, or it will have little of permanent value."

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body else has seen. You remember scientists on the steam yacht Alberta to explore the little known regions of the upper Amazon. The trip will last at least little of permanent value." Praises Three American Books.

He commended three books published by Americans in the last three years as being stamped with what he called the national spirit. They are, with his characterizations:

Studying Foreign Architecture. It was necessary to study foreign architecture, he explained, "but a wery American should read, and Guardate reproduction of the city and was flustly the garden of the city and was flustly the garden of the city and was flustly the property of King Leopoid II. of Helgium Alberiance, which should be read by Capt. F. W. Baldwin and the foot of the city and was flustly the property of King Leopoid II. of Helgium and the foot of the city and was flustly the property of King Leopoid II. of Helgium and the fitted with the latest scientific in a fitted wit architecture, he explained,

read his paper on "The Religious Theory of Democracy" at the meeting, but he read it at the luncheon, which divided the morning session from a concert in the afternoon. At this concert the Kneisel Quartet played compositions by George W. Chadwick, Arthur Foote and Henry K. Hadley, all members of the limit the limit of the United States Coast and Geodetic Survey, and John W. Swanson of this city, a wireless operator.

The final session of the joint meet-ing of he academy and the institute will be held at the Ritz-Carlton at 10:30 o'clock this merning. Yesterday Henry C. Frick gave a reception to the insti-tute in his galleries at 1 East Seven-tieth street. The Hispanic Society of America will receive the members of both bodies this afternoon at 155th street and Broadway, and the institute will be entertained at a reception given by Dr. and Mrs. Walter Damrosch at 154 East

Seventieth street to-night.

nual meeting and dinner last night in the University Club. Augustus Thomas, playwright, was elected president. The following vice-presidents were chosen: Hobart C. Chatfield-Taylor, Pa Chatfield-Taylor, Paul Hobart C. Chatheld-Taylor, Paul Dougherty, Ripley Hitchcock, Hermon A. MacNeil, John C. Van Dyke and Arthur Whiting. Ashley H. Thorndike is secretary and Arnold W. Brunner treasurer.

Twelve vacancles in the membership of 250 were filled last night. Those

of 250 were filled last night. Those elected were Edward Burlingame Hill, professor of music in Harvard University: Frederick Clay Bartlett, mural painter; Howard Russell Butler, painter of sea pictures and portraits; Alexander Sterling Calder, a sculptor whose work was seen at the Panama-Pacific Exposition: Cyrus E. Dallen, Massachusetts sculptor; Charles H. Niehaus, sculptor; John Russell Pope, architect; Prof. George P. Baker of Harvard, author and teacher of dramatic literature; Robert Frost, New Hampshire poet; Edwin Lefevre, novelist and short story writer; Ernest Poole, New York novelist, and Stewart Edward White, California novelist.

GERMAN NAVAL REVERSE.

cordance with the latest information of the recent German naval attack in the Gulf of Finland, and comparing the num-ber of explosions heard in the fog with the reports from the Russian warships engaged, it is possible to affirm that the Germans lost between six and nine tor-pedo boats.

"This supposition, the communication adds, is confirmed by the examination of

adds, is confirmed by the examination of wreckage, which also shows that the de stroyed vessels were of the most modern stroyed vessels were of the most modern type and the biggest vessels in this class."

For Russo-American Trade whow. PETROGRAD, via London, Nov. 16.—The Russo-American Chamber of Commerce at its last meeting decided in favor of the organization of a Russo-American commercial exposition to be held at



THE natives of the upper Amason region will open their eyes when the trim yacht Alberta, shown in the top picture, arrives. Mrs. Dr. Alexander H.

Rice, shown below, with her husband, is making her first trip to the wilds. The trip will last six months and will be a test of endurance.



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GERMANY DEFENDS **ROWANMORE CASE**

ITALIANS RECOVER TRENCHES.

than 5,000 miles.

This is the second trip that Dr. Rice has made to this region, but it is the first

for Mrs. Rice, who before her marriage

to the explorer a year ago, was the widow of George D. Widener, who was

lost on the Titanic. She is the daughter of the late William L. Elleins. Dr. and Mrs. Rice have spent the sum-

mer at Newport, coming to New York on the Alberta on November 9. This yacht is owned by Commodore Frederick G. Bourne of this city and was formerly the

East of Goritz. LONDON, Nov. 16 .- The Italians have reoccupied the trenches on San Marco | During the twenty minute pursuit of height, east of Goritz, which were evacuated on Tuesday because of a heavy | were simed accurately astern to limit the

On San Marco height, east of Go-

ritz, under cover of a powerful bar-rage fire we reoccupied yesterday trenches evacuated Tuesday. During the night the enemy attempted a de-termined surprise attack, which was completely repulsed.

On the Carso front there were ar-

tillery actions. At Hudilog we im-proved our line by a slight advance. As a result of small encounters some prisoners were made and two trench mortars were taken.

An Austrian statement received here to night evidently refers to the fighting for the San Marco trenches, though of

what day is not clear. It says: Continuing the undertaking re-ported yesterday east of Goritz, we captured an enemy trench, sixty pris-oners and two machine guns.

REDMONDITE IS VICTOR.

D. O'Leary Is Elected to Common From Cork County.

LONDON, Nov. 16.-D. O'Leary, Irish Nationalist and an adherent of John Redmond, has been elected a member of Between Six and Nine Torpedo
Boats Lost, Is Russian Report.

London, Nov. 16—A despatch to Reuter's Telegram Company from Petrograd says:

The Admiralty staff has issued a communication announcing that in accordance with the latest information of the recent German naval attack in the Gulf of Finland, and comparing the num-fine despendent, 168.

You will appreciate the superiority of my specialty-FOUR FOR \$7.50 --if you are at all familiar with the "aver-Frankly, I know of no other shirts at the price which offer so much in pattern, fabric and quality of workmanship. Wm. G. White WHITE EWHITE

Assertions that the submarine fired upon lifeboats containing members of the crew are dismissed as utterly false, ac-cording to the report of the commander of the submarine. In fact, it is said the

men on the Rowanmore owe their lives to the precautions taken by the Germans During the twenty minute pursuit of

Austrian fire. An Austrian attempt at danger to the crew, which was congre-a surprise attack was futile. Gold Medal for John Burroughs.

John Burroughs, naturalist, was plateau, southeast of Goritz, where the stailins are making stronger the positions gained in the last drive. The Italians are making stronger the positions gained in the last drive. The Italians are making stronger the positions gained in the last drive. The Italians are making stronger that the bow. The Rowammore was hit ten times, the last shell disabling the propeller. The submarine ceased firing, the report continues, immediately it was observed the Rowammore had decreased

served the Rowanmore had decreased her speed and abandoned the effort to escape. No shots were fired at the men in the boats. Just before she stopped the Rowanmore hoisted a signal, but it was impossible to read it from the submarine, which was at that time about the Russian ammunition steamer 2,000 yards away. Later it was shown that the signal was "I surrender."

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The master of the Rowanmore at-tempted to justify his attempt to escape, the submarine commander reports, by the assertion that he desired to gain time to launch boats, but this pretext was not accepted. Later the Rowanmore's steamer, the despatch adds, were de-captain was made a prisoner of war for attempting to escape and for summoning bor and two barracks were set on fire assistance by wireless, which speedily and burned down.

There were two white Americans and

tinguished.

The Andaria put into Plymouth and sailed thence on November 2 into one of the worst storms in her career, which kept up nearly all the way accounts.

SHIP EXPLOSION KILLS 150.

Archangel Also Wounds 650. LONDON, Nov. 16.—The Stockholm newspaper Afton Tidningen says that he signal was "I surrender."

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FRENCH SEIZURE STIRS ALL CHINA

Legation Follows Concession Demand by Arresting Government Policeman.

A critical situation in China has arisen as a result of the attempts of the French Legation to obtain control of a very valuable district of 700 acres in the city of Tientsin adjoining the French concesion, according to a message received yesterday by Patrick Gallagher, editor of the Far Eastern Bureau.

The message states that the French Consul in Tientsin, after the French Legation had made attempts to obtain the territory through negotiations with the Chinese Government, sent a number of French policemen into the district on October 21 last and arrested nine Chinese police officers and men. Great excite-ment and indignation were caused in China, particularly among residents of Tientsin, as a result of the detention of

these men.

Later the French Legation and the Chinese Government came to an understanding, the French agreeing to return standing, the French agreeing to return the policemen and the Chinese offering to open the district to foreign trade. After an article had been printed concerning the settlement in a Pekin paper the French Legation demanded the cancellation of the agreement. Negotiations were opened again, and the French demanded and received far more favorable terms, including special privileges to French nationals in the disputed district.

Situation Becomes Dendlocked.

The French Charge d'Affaires de-manded so much, according to the des-patch, that matters came to a deadlock, with the French holding the Chinese policemen. Sir John Jordan, the British Minister, finally offered to mediate. After a conference on November 10 the British Legation requisited the Chinese British Legation requested the Chinese Foreign Minister to put the agreement in writing and submit it next day to the French Legation, but owing to the neces city for preparing the papers and sub-mitting them to Parliament the Chinese officials replied that there was not time.

The British Minister then warned the hinese Foreign Office that the agreement would be considered null and void

while the torpedo boats, destroyers and mine sweepers were making sure that the course seaward was clear of danger.

At sunset the waiting passengers saw a fleet of British warships, mostly destroyers, pass up the Channel and vanish in the darkness. Then came the flashes and the growling of guns. The battling craft were too far away to be disciplinally the district it seems that it would stir up such political feeling as to make it necessary to submit the agreement to the "It seems apparent that England



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CALLS EDISON CUT PUBLIC BLACKMAIL

Electrical League Makes Vigorous Attack on 1-2 Cent Reduction.

Following a vigorous attack on the New York Edison Company by Frank R. Green, representing the Electrical eague of Greater New York, the Public Service Commission voted yesterday to accept the offer of the Edison company for a reduction in the rates for electric current from 8 cents per kilowatt hour to 7½ cents. The new rate goes into effect January 1, and the offer further stipulates that on July 1. "If no unforeseen adverse conditions are experienced," the rate will be reduced to 7 cents per kilowatt hour.

Mr. Green asserted that the Edison company could reduce its rate to 3 cents

and prevented an appraisal of its plant

I cents per kilowatt hour would be a fah "It would seem that the Edison com-

pany was willing to give blackmall to secure a postponement of appraisals," added Green. "In other words, the Ediwhat do you mean by that state-ment?" Indignantly interrupted Chair-man Straus. "I think you are unfair."

Travis H. Whitney, Commissioner, demanded to know who was getting the

blackmail. "The people are being blackmailed," replied Green. "They are being black-mailed by the acceptance of this small

reduction in rates."

Hefore the meeting adjourned Chairman Straus said that while the present offer was accepted the proceedings would be kept open so that the commission could proceed against the company at any time such action was warranted.

SHORT WEIGHT COAL FIGHT ON

42 Dealers Summoned to Court by City Inspectors.

The arrest of several coal dealers yes terday by inspectors of the Bureau of company could reduce its rate to 3 cents. Weights and Measures revealed that a per kilowatt hour and still make money. He also insisted that the offer tied the has been in progress for the last two hands of the Public Service Commission weeks and that forty-two dealers have Weights and Measures revealed that a campaign against short weight dealers has been in progress for the last two weeks and that forty-two dealers have been summoned to court for delivering less coal than they had been paid for.

ind prevented an appraisal of its plant for six months.

"We do not object to a reduction of rates," stated Green, "but we do object to a reduction on the terms the Edison company requires. They ask you to forego for six months the right of an appraisal of its plant and to discontinue all complaints against the company for the same period. We believe

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